

**MINUTES OF THE WOODSIDE TOWN COUNCIL AND CLP COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018**

ATTENDEES: Mike Warren	Cheryl Epps
Diane Crom	Rene Valladares
Stephanie Holyfield	Gary Richards
Brenda Richards	Paul Davis – Visitor

Absent: Jim Carpenter
Brian Michalski
Aaron Mantz – excused due to work schedule

The meeting was started at 7 p.m. with Mayor Mike Warren presiding. Handouts of the minutes with the solicitor, Comcast and the Town of Camden were available for review. A printed agenda was followed.

The information from the meeting with the Camden officials and Town Solicitor were reviewed. When questioned about annexation plans, Cheryl Epps stated that her property is NOT in preservation but all the properties around her are in preservation, so she is open to annexation.

Under the zoning ordinances and variance requested by Michelle Brown & Tom Heiges, there was discussion about any signage they may want for their business. The town solicitor advised us that the current signage regulations in our zoning ordinances are probably “unconstitutional” and will need to be updated. Mike stated that the dog grooming business will be considered a “cottage industry” and not a commercial property. Gary Richards stated his sister has a dog grooming business and it is very low keyed business with minimal traffic. Mike stated he has advised the property owners not be zoned commercial as their taxes will increase in Kent County by at least three times and their home owners insurance will not cover the business or property.

Paul Davis suggested that the zoning ordinances for the “setback for homes” needs to be evaluated, especially if new homes are going to be built on small lots available in Woodside. His latest home meets the current standards, but it may be a problem for future building.

Discussion centered on charging fees for different permits: Annexation, building and demolition. Someone mentioned we must consider weather damage that may cause enough damage to a site that it must be demolished – should we penalize a property owner by charging a demolition fee, if they are already dealing with costs from the damage? It was brought up that property insurance should cover a demolition fee in that situation.

The attendees were all in favor of NOT charging a franchise fee under the new Comcast contract. Everyone felt that Comcast charges are already excessive and residents would not be in favor of an extra fee, even if it was going to the town. If the money was coming directly from Comcast, that would be different.

Paul Davis thanked the Mayor and Council for all the work they are doing for the town. He feels it will bring much improvement to the town. He thanked Brenda Richards for the town newsletter, which he feels is very informative.

There was discussion about speeders and getting police to patrol again on a regular basis. Rene Valladares stated that a young man was speeding and cut through his property last week, damaging a flower garden. The young man did come back the next day and helped repair the damage.

Mike Warren stated that he has received numerous complaints about Mr. Shahan's property and the excessive accumulation of aluminum cans. Mike stated he stopped by Mr. Shahan's last weekend and discussed it with him and Mr. Shahan said he would take care of it. A follow up letter was sent out to Mr. Shahan on Monday, March 5th. He has been given 60 days from the date of the letter to comply. If he does not comply, we will have to discuss a fine or a lien on his property.

Brenda asked about having a town clean-up later this Spring – it was agreed to consider maybe in May or June.

Brenda stated she received an email today from Dawn Valladares about organizing a town-wide yard sale this spring. Dawn suggested the weekend of April 6/7 or April 28/29. Brenda stated she will be out of town the last weekend and cannot coordinate it then. Gary Richards stated April 6/7 may not give people enough time to get organized. We will bring it up at the town meeting.

Mike reminded everyone present that most of the same information covered tonight will be covered at the town meeting on March 13th. Stephanie stated she will be out of town next week on a trip to Spain, so will not be at the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Minutes by: Brenda Richards, Town Secretary